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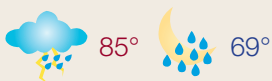
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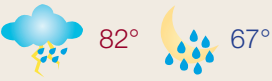
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Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer would be named Governor should Sanford leave office. He visited USC's College Republicans Wednesday.

Bauer may declare candidacy

Lieutenant governor to run in election if Sanford refuses to resign by October

Josh Dawsey
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer promised a gubernatorial campaign by late October if Gov. Mark Sanford refuses to resign.

And with the governor's stubbornness so far, Bauer said he's preparing for the year-long candidacy.

"No, I don't think so," Bauer said when asked if he thought the governor would quit.

If Sanford does resign before late October, Bauer said he'd hold true to his promise and not run for the state's top office and promise to be "best governor he could be for the next 16 months."

Bauer spoke to USC's College Republicans Wednesday night, where he spent a lot of his time discussing Sanford and talking about the "deplorable rumors" some have spread about his sexuality.

Once again, Bauer reiterated Sanford was ruining the state's reputation on the national radar and urged the governor to resign. He said he expects a "debacle of impeachment proceedings" in the spring when the state legislature reconvenes.

Check out video excerpts of Bauer and Wilson addressing the students online.

"In the spring, we're not going to have to watch reality TV," Bauer said. "You'll be able to turn on the television and watch it live from Columbia, South Carolina."

He also gave insight to his relationship with the state's commander-in-chief. The state's top two executive leaders have never been the strongest allies, but their ties have been even more frayed since Sanford announced his Argentine affair.

"We last talked about a month and a half ago," Bauer said. "He's been busy doing his thing and I've been busy doing mine."

Over the past few months, national bloggers have questioned Bauer's sexuality, saying the governor is gay

BAUER ● 3

USC to get 'bigger, better'

Pastides discusses new projects, Advance Carolina

Darren Price
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

President Harris Pastides said that the University of South Carolina would be getting "Bigger and Better" during the State of the University Address on Wednesday.

In the address, Pastides said that the slogan is part of a program he called "Advance Carolina." Advance Carolina will be used to implement plans made in the Focus Carolina goal platform.

Pastides said that through Advance Carolina, the University and its seven satellite campuses will be able to recruit higher-caliber students, increase the size and diversity of the student body, and provide greater access to education to South Carolinians. Pastides said that the University will continue to recruit, develop and retain better faculty and increase infrastructure.

Bigger and Better Student Body

Pastides said that currently, nearly 43 percent of all South Carolinians attending four-year colleges are attending USC or a satellite campus. The University has also accepted its largest ever freshman class for the second consecutive year. However, only 24 percent of South Carolinians have bachelor's degrees. He said that programs enacted as part of Advance Carolina will increase that number greatly.

"I believe that if USC leads the way in mobilizing our state in this important goal, we can attain a level of about one-third of South Carolinians holding baccalaureate degrees by 2030," Pastides said in the address.

Pastides also discussed programs such as Palmetto Program, which allows for non-traditional students to complete degrees at any of USC's two-year campuses, and he said the University needs to revamp efforts to recruit black students. Enrollment of black students has dropped to from 19.3 percent in 1999 to only 11.6 percent in 2008.

"We must recruit these students



Keri Goff / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

President Harris Pastides delivered the State of the University Address Wednesday afternoon in which he discussed plans for expanding Carolina community.

in their high schools and middle schools, and we will dedicate additional resources to introduce them to the University," Pastides said.

Recruiting, developing and retaining Faculty

Pastides and University Provost Michael Amiridis both said that in order for the University to get "bigger and better," retaining and hiring outstanding faculty is of utmost importance.

"If you have a great faculty, you will bring in great students," Amiridis said.

Amiridis said that recruiting outstanding faculty, developing current faculty and retaining them are central components to the bigger and better plan. Pastides said the University would review faculty recruitment and retention efforts and programs throughout the University system.

Improved Infrastructure

The University's infrastructure will need to improve to support the bigger and better idea, Amiridis said.

Funds from the economic stimulus package last week will be used in part to support the construction of new buildings, while other projects, such as the new Moore School of Business, are

being paid for independently.

"There is no doubt that as the University is growing bigger and better, we need to improve our infrastructure," Amiridis said.

Pastides reiterated his commitment to the Innovista project and said that the private portion of the project should see a new developer sometime this fall. Pastides compared Columbia to Austin, Tx., and said that that the South Carolina Capital has the potential to see the same growth as cities with research parks.

"Cities like Austin have experienced job growth and higher salaries, and Columbia will, too, with the long-term vision that Innovista brings," Pastides said.

Student Body president Meredith Ross said that while students may not see the immediate returns on improvements to infrastructure it is something they can look back on and be proud of.

"Some of the things we are proposing, current students won't see," Ross said. "In the long run, we can look back at our University and be proud of the progress that it has made."

PASTIDES ● 3

SG unable to finance club budgets

Organizations request four times available funds

Josh Dawsey
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

When Student Body Treasurer Ebbie Yazdani looked through funding requests this week, he found the numbers disturbing.

Between the 55 different student organizations that filed requests, there's \$160,000 in funding wanted from Student Government. The problem: Student government only has \$40,000 to give away.

"The money's just not there,"

Yazdani said. "Student don't want to pay higher activity fees, so the money's not there."

Meetings will be held Friday with each organization to determine who gets what. Student government leaders say it could get a little gnarly.

"Some people aren't going to be happy," said Sen. Kevin Burke, a second-year business student and the chairperson of the Finance Committee. "But when people don't get the money they want, that's to be expected."

Every year, Student Government allocates approximately \$160,000 for student organizations. They typically give \$50,000 to intramural sports, leaving \$110,000 to be split between every other campus organization.

They allocate funding three times a year, meaning approximately \$37,000 is given away every four months.

This year, more organizations than ever before requested allocations, Yazdani said. Some only asked for \$300 or less. Others, like the Sorority Council, the Civil Rights Tour and the Dance Company asked for \$4,000 or more.

"We have to be fair with what we give everyone," Yazdani said. "And for those that don't get accepted, they can work with me on how to raise funds for their organization."

So what will happen? Burke said every organization's request for food and beverage money will be cut 20 percent. Some organizations asked funding for trophies or T-shirts, which isn't allowed by student government codes. Others asked for travel and hotel rooms to be funded for multiple members. That's not allowed, Burke said.

And some asked for funding for events that won't happen in the next four months. Those could be rejected as well.

"We'll just have to talk to each organization and figure out what we can do," Burke said. "Obviously we'll do everything we can."

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CALENDAR

What: Hispanic Advisory Committee
When: 10 a.m.
Where: RH 201

What: Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Russell House Theater

What: Sigma Alpha Omega Information Night
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: RH 305

What: Ice Meeting
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: RH 303

What: Mortar Board Meeting
When: 7 p.m.
Where: RH 315

What: X-Men Origins: Wolverine
When: 9 p.m.
Where: Russell House Theater

SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
Florida Atlantic University
Williams-Brice Stadium
Saturday, Sept. 19
7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER
Northwestern
Evanston, Ill.
Friday, Sept. 18
8:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
UCF
Stone Stadium
Friday, Sept. 18
7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Arkansas
Fayetteville, Ark.
Friday, Sept. 18
8 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
UVA Invitational
Charlottesville, Va.
Friday, Sept. 18
All day

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Winthrop Invitational 5K
Rock Hill
10 a.m.
Saturday, Sept 19

LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL Confederate garb ban OK'd

A South Carolina teen who sued a school district over the right to wear Confederate-themed clothing to school will appeal a ruling that sides with the district, her attorney said Wednesday.

“This is an immanently appealable decision,” said Kirk Lyons, an attorney for the Southern Legal Resource Center, based in North Carolina. “I think we can get this reversed in the Fourth Circuit.”

In 2006, Lyons’ group filed a federal lawsuit against the Latta School District on behalf of Candice Hardwick, then a 15-year-old high school sophomore.

Hardwick’s attorneys argued that the teen — who was forced to change clothes, turn shirts inside-out and was suspended twice for Confederate-themed clothing in middle school — felt that a ban on wearing the Confederate emblem violated her right to free speech.

That notion was tossed out last week by a federal judge, who ruled that Hardwick’s attorneys didn’t have enough evidence to succeed with their case.

In his 33-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Terry Wooten wrote that district officials, fearing possible disruptions if Confederate-themed clothing were allowed in the racially diverse schools, acted reasonably in banning such items.

NATIONAL Students protest coal usage

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — College students from Missouri to Oregon are urging their schools to stop using coal-based electricity in favor of cleaner energy sources ranging from wood chips to geothermal power.

On Wednesday, students at the University of Missouri and other schools nationwide mounted a Sierra Club-led campaign targeting coal-based power at colleges, whether generated at on-campus plants or purchased from private utilities. The campaign began the same day a group of college presidents rallied in Washington in support of clean energy legislation.

Student organizers said colleges have a societal obligation to reduce and eventually eliminate coal use in favor of renewable energy. At Missouri, the school used more than 48,000 tons of coal to generate electricity in 2007, accounting for 80 percent of campus energy use.

INTERNATIONAL

Cuba wants US embargo lifted

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba will not make any political or policy concessions to improve relations with the U.S., no matter how small, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said Wednesday, snubbing Washington’s suggestions that some reforms could lead to better ties.

He told a news conference that the United States must lift its 47-year-old trade embargo without waiting for anything in return.

Rodriguez said U.S. trade sanctions have cost the island \$96 billion in economic damage since they took their current form in February 1962 as part of the Trading with the Enemy Act.

“The policy is unilateral and should be lifted unilaterally,” Rodriguez said.

Obama has suggested it may be time for a new era in relations with Cuba, but he has also said he will not consider lifting the embargo. On Monday, he signed a measure formally extending the policy for one year.

PIC OF THE DAY



Charity Hulon / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

How many times have you seen this bike on campus? Altered from its original paint job with duct tape, this bike becomes both trendy and unique.

WEIRD HEADLINES

— The Associated Press, AOL

Competitive Eating at Guantamo Bay

Human rights groups need not be alarmed just because two men stuffed themselves with 43 hot dogs at Guantanamo Bay over the weekend. It was all in the name of fun. In the grand tradition of Bob Hope and other legendary USO entertainers, three of the world’s top competitive eaters flew under a shroud of secrecy to the U.S. Navy base in Cuba to entertain the troops and their families.

Woman, 107, Seeks 23rd Husband

(Sept. 15) Afraid that her husband will leave her for a younger woman, a 107-year-old Malaysian woman is looking to marry again — for the 23rd time. Wok Kundor has been happily married for four years to her husband, a man 70 years her junior.

Friendly Seal Pup Worries Officials

(Sept. 16) — A lovable monk seal pup has adopted a Hawaiian community, playing and swimming with local residents. But that friendly interaction is becoming a problem.

Abandoned at birth by its mother, the male pup -- named KP2 -- was rescued by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and raised in captivity for the first 7 1/2 months of its life.

Naked man riding motorcycle charged with DUI

OCALA, Fla. — Authorities say a Florida man was charged with driving under the influence after he was spotted riding his motorcycle naked. The Marion County deputy was driving on Interstate 75 early Tuesday when he spotted what appeared to be a naked man on a motorcycle. The deputy caught up with 45-year-old J. Dante Krauss at a red light and stopped him

TODAY IN HISTORY

1787

The Constitution of the United States of America is signed by 38 of 41 delegates present at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

1796

George Washington prepares a final draft of his presidential farewell address.

Two days later, the carefully crafted words appeared in Claypoole’s American Daily Advertiser, published in Philadelphia, officially notifying the American public that Washington would voluntarily step down as the nation’s first president.

1862

The battle of Antietam, in Antietam, Md., becomes the bloodiest single-day battle in American history. The Civil War battle marked the farthest advance of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee’s unsuccessful invasion of the Northern states.

1884

Judge Allen disposes of the 13 criminal cases on his Oakland, California, docket in only six minutes. Although he

apparently set a new record for speed, defendants in Oakland’s criminal court did not stand much of a chance of gaining an acquittal. In a 40-year period at the turn of the century, only 1 defendant in 100 was acquitted.

1976

NASA publicly unveils its first space shuttle, the Enterprise, during a ceremony in Palmdale, Calif. Development of the aircraft-like spacecraft cost almost \$10 billion and took nearly a decade.

1978

The Camp David Accords are signed in the White House, laying the groundwork for a permanent peace agreement between Egypt and Israel after three decades of hostilities.

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Bullock resigns as Pro Tempore

Former Senate President will remain active as senator for Arts and Sciences

Josh Dawsey
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Hate him or love him, Sen. Ben Bullock is a workhorse. Over his four years in Student Government, Bullock's authored dozens of resolutions, rewritten almost every code in the Student Government rulebook, served on multiple committees and even wrote his senior thesis for the South Carolina Honors College on Student Government. But on Wednesday night, the first-year graduate student stepped back from his powerful role in the body, resigning as President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

With his resignation, a new senator will have the opportunity to become the vice president of the Student Senate and lead the Rules Committee in a special election next Wednesday.

"I've been trying to do too much, and I need to take a step back from things now that I'm a graduate student with so much work," Bullock said. "I've served a year and a half as president pro tem of the Senate and I feel like it's time for new leadership."

With tears rolling down his face, Bullock sat in the back of the chamber, unlike his usual position on the front row. He cried, with his hands over his face, as the Senate honored his years of service.

"He's the person to look to in Student Government if you need to know anything," Sen. Matt Ungar, a third-year political science student said.

Over his four years in Senate, Bullock has drawn headlines for his ferocious temper and politicking. He's drawn ire from other Senators for his controversial statements, and he's been known to storm out of a room when mad.

But he's also often the last person to leave the Student



Hannah Carroll / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Ben Bullock, first-year graduate student, resigned from Senate as President Pro Tempore on Wednesday .

Government office at night, the first person students call when they need something done and the member many senators look to for advice and questions.

"He's one of the few people who I can say has had an affect on my life every year that I've been in Carolina," Student Body President Meredith Ross said. Bullock won't be going away entirely. He's still serving as a member of the committee on graduate student representation, and he's hoping to get a bill passed giving graduate students their own legislative body by the end of the year.

"He's a great Gamecock," said Sen. Justin Cromer, a third-year political science student. "I know he'll still work hard."

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Bearing the "Gathering Storm"

Aramidis and Pastides both said that current economic downturn poses challenges for advancements in the University. USC's budget was recently permanently slashed four percent, and the University saw more budget cuts than any institution in the country for the 2008-09 academic year. The president remained unyielding, however, saying that the University will not furlough employees.

Pastides said that universities might see a dwindling of federal funding for research as well. He referred to the decrease of federal funding to universities as a "gathering storm," but he said that decreased funds cannot allow the University to lose focus on innovation and research.

Carolina must worry about how to support and replenish our faculty ranks during a time when we have declining state investment," Pastides

said. Pastides added that, in addition to using a portion of the stimulus funds to hire new faculty, the University plans to launch a capital campaign and seek more funding from the General Assembly. "Hopefully the financial climate will improve, and we can request more state funding," he said.


Aramidis said that in order to continue to advance as a University, Carolina will have to make strengths.

"We have to make some hard choices," Aramidis said. "We are going to have to choose which areas to expand."

Aramidis said that programs would be prioritized based on their strengths. Excellence, innovation and broad access to students will be criteria in determining the best programs.

"Given the limitations, we can't do everything," he said.

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and refuses to admit it.

"I don't know," Bauer said when asked who was behind the attacks. "I just think it's absolutely deplorable. With all the attacks, I must be perceived to be one of the frontrunners. I don't spend a lot of my time worrying about it."

Rep. Joe Wilson's son Alan also spoke to the College Republicans Wednesday. Alan Wilson, who's running for S.C. attorney general, said he was surprised as anyone when he heard his father screamed "You Lie!" at President Barack Obama.

"When a reporter called me and asked me what I had to say, I told them

they had the wrong person and that couldn't be my dad," Wilson said. "Then I called him and found out it was him."

Rep. Joe Wilson's response to his son's call: "Son, I did say that and I shouldn't have said it at that place."

Wilson's son said he's only seen his dad lose his temper "a handful of times throughout my entire life."

"He's normally a really calm guy who never loses his temper," his son said.

But through all this media attention, Wilson said more attention has been brought to the health care debate. A proposal brought forth by his father last summer is finally being considered by President Obama, Wilson said.

"That's the good thing," Wilson said. "People are talking."

The tensest moment of the night came when Brandom Beacham, a fifth-year sociology student, pressed Bauer to answer questions about House Republicans. After he interrupted Bauer in an answer, the lieutenant governor sharply rebuked him.

"Am I the speaker or are you?" Bauer asked.

Beacham said he wasn't surprised at the reaction.

"I was trying to press him on it," Beacham said. "He was talking out of both sides of his mouth."

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Flu shots needed for community well-being

Why do the words “flu shot” seem to inspire such a wide array of creative excuses from students? From “I hate needles” to “It’s too much hassle and money” and the always popular “My immune system is superb. I never get sick,” or some other variation of these classics.

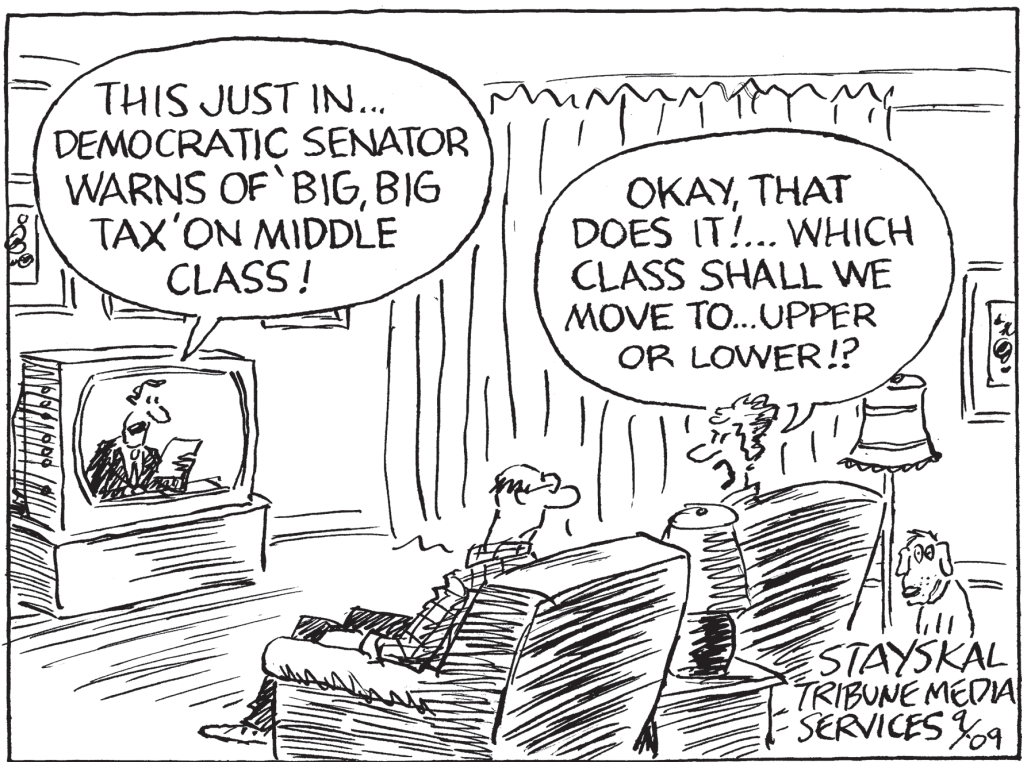
The funny thing is these explanations usually come from the same kid, whose nose-blowing and coughing will be interrupting your listening activity in Spanish five weeks from now, or from the girl whose sore throat will soon become your sore throat after she borrows a pen in class.

The fact is, flu shots really aren’t that painful. A fear of needles is understandable, but is a week of misery, missed class and missed nights out really not worth the five minutes of hyperventilating?

The fact is, getting a flu shot doesn’t require that much time or money. This past Tuesday and Wednesday, the Thomson Student Health Center held flu clinics right outside the Russell House, and any day of the week you can call up and make an appointment to receive one. The cost is only \$15 for students and \$25 for faculty, a small price to pay if you’re trying to get those extra credit points for good attendance.

The fact is, even if you have an amazing immune system, things happen. There is no way to tell if you are going to get the flu or not. The stakes are especially high with the H1N1 strain, which has already hit universities all over the country. A night in with the swine flu or a night out with your friends, is that a hard choice?

Really all these excuses (though often highly entertaining i.e. I’m like Chuck Norris, I don’t get the flu, the flu gets me.) are just a thin veil for laziness, because laziness is really the only thing keeping a majority of students from getting the flu shot. Next time you have a free afternoon, get your shot. It’s better for your health and the health of our University.



BECAUSE I SAID SO
Ashley Madison promotes adultery

Web site disrespects marriage vows, sells cheating to married men, women

“Life is short. Have an affair.” “The Ashley Madison Agency, For Attached Women And The Men Who Want To Meet Them,” “When Monogamy Becomes Monotony.”

These immoral phrases are the slogans for the agency, Ashley Madison. You may be thinking this is strictly prostitution, but this company is an eHarmony for sex. The Web site pairs married men and women strictly for them to have an affair. I guess eHarmony was a little too emotional for Ashley Madison, but advocating cheating as the answer to marital problems is completely off the spectrum. What has our world come to?

Unfortunately, Ashley Madison is already ahead of their game by promoting adultery. They have made millions from their many clients and have appeared on Fox News, CNN and Dr. Phil, as well as many other media outlets. They also have a commercial promoting their company over eHarmony, and their ad will be rolling down the street on a mobile billboard in downtown Philadelphia starting Thursday.

Ashley Madison takes pride in their service to pleasure married men and women, but why married people? They could easily have a prostitution Web site that invites anyone to join. But by centering their company around

cheating, their services take advantage of the number of failed marriages.

So, why are these “low-life,” married people falling into the trap of cheating? If they are going to cheat, they shouldn’t get married in the first place.

Also, cheaters usually hide all of their evidence from their spouse, but with Ashley Madison, they leave obvious footprints along the way. Usually even a suspicion requires an investigator, and these people mean business. It would be so easy for an investigator to catch these cheaters red-handed.

Why are people putting themselves in these situations? They are ultimately hurting the ones they love while lowering their own desperate self-esteem. Marital problems are based on emotional issues and then come the physical problems, but only after the emotions are stirred.

These desperate people should go to counseling or sign divorce papers, instead of falling into the temptation of cheating. Not only are they cheating on their husbands or wives, but they are cheating their personal character. Sadly, this Web site really shows how far Americans will go for pleasure, while hurting the ones they love.



Marilynn Joyner
Second-year English and dance student

USC offers resources for developing self

African Americans need to seize opportunity to make a difference, influence younger generations

In the 10 years between 1998 and 2008, the Democratic Party went from its lowest point since Ronald Reagan won to its highest point in years. We’ve gone from bombing Bosnia to bombing Afghanistan to bombing Iraq to bombing Afghanistan (and Pakistan) again. The black student population at this University also dropped 7.7 percent.

Last Tuesday, I was at a meeting of the Association of African-American Students, better known as AAAS, where the topic of the discussion — titled “Where’s Wayne” — was USC’s problems with getting African-Americans to enroll and stay at the University. I say “enroll and stay” since Dr. Dennis Pruitt (VP for Student Affairs) told The State newspaper on Sunday that USC accepted every student that had at least 1000 on the SATs (and some under), and met the GPA and core curriculum

requirements. It was a record freshman class with the highest average SAT scores ever — until the current one.

“Not all of those admitted enrolled,” Pruitt said.

When I read the article on Sunday, it stuck. As a Columbia native, I remember back in high school where for many of my friends and classmates, Columbia and Carolina represented a link to their parents. Many of them believed they could never be truly independent if they went there. 50 percent of my class received scholarship offers; half of those people left the state. Most of the other half stayed in-state but left town for places like S.C. State, Francis Marion and Winthrop. I and four of my high school friends came to Carolina as freshmen last fall, one entered as a freshman this fall and another transferred here. To be honest, I told my grandmother after my orientation in 2008 that “I couldn’t believe how many of those people actually wanted to come HERE for school!” As my



Austin Jackson
Second-year political science student

freshman year commenced, I would end up finding out why.

Another sticking point was when I learned from a friend that of the nearly 8,000 freshmen that came to USC in August 2008, of the 2,295 African-Americans that attend this University, only 81 first-year students were black males not here as scholarship athletes. This includes me. Yes, scholarship athletes have an impact in the classroom and outside the University entirely, but the lack of the average Joe black man at this University is appalling, to say the least.

We have too many brothers focusing on things very few people ever get the opportunity to pursue, like careers in sports or entertainment. It is time for more positive role models for our younger generation — and presently they are few and far between. Barack Obama has a powerful story, but if we want to make sure our brothers and our fellow men pitch into the bigger picture, we must become our own. Our motivation should be to bring a positive impact to our communities and use what we learn. It’s nothing new; it’s part of the AAAS motto: “Each one reach one; each one teach one.”

New technology makes it too easy to stay connected

Need to unplug to appreciate every day, focus on real world

iPods, 12,000 megapixel cameras and laptops faster than a speeding bullet, oh my! As technology continues to out-do itself every other week, there is a new trend that companies are embracing more every day: consolidation.

This is the new way to dominate the tech market, and those who give you less will fall on the sidelines. Take the newest iPod nano for instance: it now shoots video while holding up to 4,000 songs. It will also play live radio, track your exercise with the correct Nike accessories and create playlists based on your music preferences. In six months though, this won’t be enough to stay on top of the market.

Cell phones are the epitome of this new philosophy. For example, look at my Blackberry Curve 8900: it shoots pictures that rival dedicated digital cameras, records video and voice

notes, keeps me updated on Facebook, plays wireless radio and holds my entire music library. It even edits Word, Excel and Powerpoint documents. There’s no need to mention the endless supply of applications available to download for free or buy. As the intellectuals tell us that we need to disconnect from the media and find ourselves, Silicon Valley makes sure we are more connected than ever before. Trying to vacation and actually get away from the rat race seems nearly impossible because there is an endless supply of technology that we are becoming more and more addicted to.

This new philosophy of technology consolidation in the palm of our hand has sucked our society into a death spiral of disconnectedness with ourselves that is never ending, and we will never be able to climb out of it. But who am I to complain? I’m no different than any of us: I’m always trying to scrape up some cash for the latest tech thing—a-ma-jig or download a really flipping cool new app for my Blackberry.

Still, though, we need to try and unplug ourselves every now and then. Go to the beach and read an entire book for pleasure, or go camping without an iPod. Anything to make us think more about the world around us and not check to see Kanye’s latest antics. Get out, get unplugged and listen to the real world around you. Hold on just a second, I just got a Facebook update on my phone.



Jeremy Aaron
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IT’S YOUR RIGHT

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Kid Cudi

This Brooklyn-based rapper piqued the music world’s interest earlier this year with his infectious single “Day ‘n’ Nite,” which had listeners singing along 24/7. Then “Make Her Say” teased us just a little bit more, but still many wondered whether it was the help of Lady Gaga and Kanye West or how it seemed to “poke” fun at Gaga’s worn out “Poker Face” that set the single apart. With Tuesday’s release of Kid Cudi’s first full-length album, “Man On The Moon: The End of the Day,” the answer is clear: The rapper wasn’t bluffing. With unique electronic beats layered with various vocal elements and thought out lyrics Kid Cudi can easily draw in a wide range of listeners. Stand out tracks include “Up Up and Away” and “Pursuit of Happiness (Nightmare).”

Tie Dye

Forty years ago hippies were in their heyday protesting Vietnam and attending wild music festivals. Today it is still fun to put the world on hold and focus on some peace, love and happiness by adding a little color to your world. Dye kits are cheap (\$10-\$20), as are packs of white cotton V-neck T-shirts, and can easily be shared between a group of friends. The classic centered rainbow swirl is easy to do, but the possibilities are endless. Try using only a couple of select colors or placing the epicenter of your swirl or bull’s-eye off center or at the shoulder. Adding one bright streak can be fun too. Just remember that if you don’t wear gloves your hands could end up looking a little like those of a Smurf for a day or two.

Oktoberfest

This Saturday is the start of the infamous Bavarian festival in Munich, Germany, and the fun involved is simply far too great for everyone to gloss over it stateside. Swing by Julia’s German Stammtisch on Fort Jackson Boulevard for some authentic schnitzel or potato salad, or cook up your own bratwurst from German Meat Market on Two Notch Road. Even if you don’t feel like spending your weekend booze budget on a satisfying German beer like Warsteiner’s Dunkle, try the Samuel Adams Oktoberfest seasonal brew. Drinking out of a stein is highly recommended, but lederhosen are optional.

“Dirty Dancing”

What can we say? If the entire world had to listen to “Pretty Young Thing” on repeat for two weeks after the death of Michael Jackson, then Patrick Swayze at least deserves one viewing of the late-’80s classic. With Swayze as a dance instructor Johnny at an uppity summer resort and Jennifer Grey as a doctor’s daughter, “Baby,” the star-crossed lovers from opposite sides of the tracks fall in love secretly as they learn a dance routine. Truly, it is worth watching all 100 campy minutes just to hear Patrick Swayze say “Nobody puts baby in the corner.” Need some dessert after that filling cinematic meal? Watch Patrick Swayze and Chris Farley’s infamous SNL Chippendales Dance Off clip. Doubly sad, but always worth the laugh.

Passion Tea at Starbucks

Typically The Mix would prefer to grab coffee at a locally owned establishment like Cool Beans or Immaculate Consumption, but sometimes the convenience of Starbucks is just too alluring. After one taste of the chilled Tazo Passion Tea they serve up though, you may nearly forget where you are altogether. Sweet with a twinge of tartness, this muted magenta tea combines flavors from hibiscus flowers, lemongrass, mango and passion fruit.

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GEEKING OUT WITH JOSH CALL

I’ve noticed a curious correlation: people who make the best conversation also listen to the craziest music (metal, hardcore punk, etc), love the most disturbing movies (think “Requiem for a Dream”) and love to read some of the most surreal literature (stuff by Kafka or Camus). These people also tend to become dissatisfied with stasis and seek different experiences. It turns out, however, that immersing yourself in such dissonance will actually make you smarter.



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At least this is what a new study claims, put out by psychologists at the University of British Columbia and the University of California-Santa Barbara. In two similar studies these researchers examined the effect of surreal literature (Kafka) and movies (David Lynch) on their subjects’ capacity to find patterns when presented with an artificial language. Some subjects were given the surreal literature with only minor edits, keeping the incongruity, while the other group was given the same material reordered and edited so that it made sense. In line with the hypothesis,

those who were exposed to the incongruity performed better in finding patterns in the language exercise.

The second study revealed similar results, only this time people were led to feel alienated about themselves. As stated by one of the researchers in Science Daily, “you get the same pattern of effects whether you’re reading Kafka or experiencing a breakdown in your sense of identity. People feel uncomfortable when their expected associations are violated, and that creates an unconscious desire to make sense of their surroundings. That feeling of discomfort may come from a surreal story, or from contemplating their own contradictory behaviors, but either way, people want to get rid of it. So they’re motivated to learn new patterns.”

The point is that seeking out disruptive experiences will increase your intelligence and your ability to make connections and find meaning in your own life. But when it comes to the creative ability to make connections, which is essential for both good conversation and good essays, the best you can do is challenge yourself, step out of your comfort zone and have those encounters with the nonsensical and the conflicted.



Courtesy of Best Friends of Charleston

The Blue Marlin celebrates the weekend with food and live music, hoping to draw Carolina students and fans.

Marlin serves up oyster roast

Popular seafood restaurant plans Friday street festival to kickoff football weekend

Robert Johnson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

This Friday, football fans can celebrate and come together at a special event hosted by the Blue Marlin.

The restaurant will be closing down a portion of Lincoln Street for an outdoor oyster roast party, and for \$10 to \$15 guests can treat themselves to a feast of oysters, Lowcountry boil and live music.

Blue Marlin is no stranger to such events, and they have done similar street parties in the past. However, the organizers have promised that this will be “the biggest Gamecock party of the year.”

“It’s going to be a pep rally,” says Brian Dukes, executive chef and general manager of the Blue Marlin. “That’s one of the things we want to draw from, is South Carolina’s football fans. We

think they’ll be out in full force in the Vista Friday before the first game.”

Dukes also expects that his special event will attract USC students, despite being slightly farther from campus than other Friday attractions.

After all, numerous flyers have circulated around campus advertising the event, and many of the Blue Marlin’s patrons are students. By advertising this as a Gamecock party, Dukes believes that this may make the restaurant even more popular with the college crowd. It is a demographic that the Blue Marlin has a great deal of experience with.

“I would say we get a lot of students who eat here,” he said. “Whether it’s parent’s weekend, or ball games when their folks come to town, or when they come out on a date, or graduation, I mean, we definitely see a lot of students.”

In fact, Dukes claims that USC students also make up roughly half of his staff.

While outdoor block parties might be familiar territory for Dukes and the Blue Marlin, this is the first event of this size that they have done with Indian Waters Council, the Midlands

chapter of the Boy Scouts.

The Marlin has helped out the Boy Scouts in the past, but this time the Indian Waters Council were in need of much more serious help after being hit hard by today’s shaky and volatile economy. Funding for the event has gone on for several months, and Dukes credits Indian Waters Council for the idea of the oyster roast itself.

“It’s the brain child of the Indian Waters Council, we’re just helping them facilitate it... We try to be good stewards of the community,” Dukes said.

Dukes expects about 600 attendees to show up and says that he is prepared to serve up to 1,000. The entry fee covers the price of food, with the exception of alcoholic beverages.

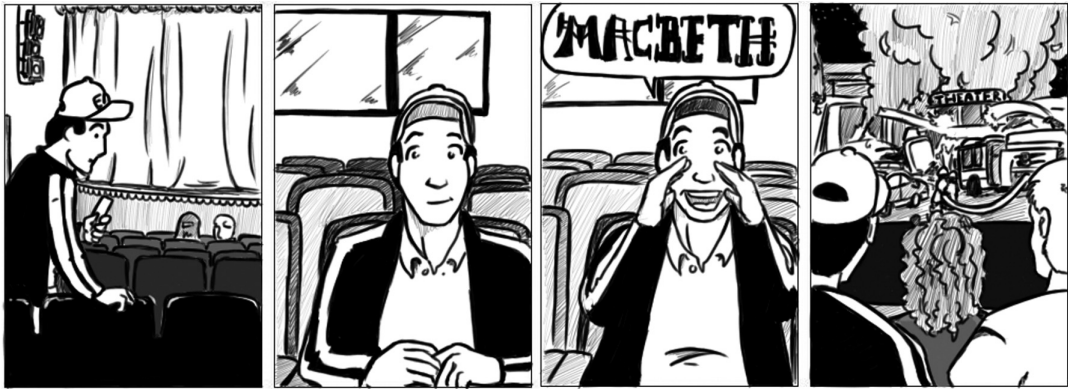
Those will cost extra, and of course a viable ID is required. If you reserve your tickets with the Blue Marlin, Half-Moon Outfitters or the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the price is \$10. If you wait until the day of the event, the price increases to \$15.

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TAURUS Your sweetheart is in a groove and can help make the job fun. Don't get so carried away that you forget to finish it.

GEMINI Domestic chores take priority. Tackle them with good humor. Make your house cozier by rearranging what you have.

CANCER By going over your figures, you'll find another way to save money in a difficult environment.

LEO You're flooded with new assignments. You'll have to hurry to keep up, but you can do that easily.

VIRGO Prepare yourself a cozy nest where you can finally relax. Something you've worried about will fade away by itself.

LIBRA Take care of business early in the day. Talk is cheap. Actions serve you better. Focus on harmony when you speak.

SCORPIO Get off to a good start with the first person you meet. Nail down the details and save romance for tonight.

SAGITTARIUS Your energy is really raw today. Protect yourself with practical actions. Tact wins the day.

CAPRICORN Try not to say everything that comes into your head. Stick to the issues. Diplomacy, diplomacy, diplomacy.

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35 45 years after William I invaded England
36 Mexican eatery staple
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Women’s soccer faces tough test

Undefeated squad prepares for matchup with nationally ranked Central Florida

Ryan Velasquez
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Coming off another dominant weekend, the South Carolina women’s soccer team continued to show why it is among the top programs in the nation. After claiming their third straight Carolina’s Cup title, the Gamecocks look to close out their non-conference schedule with two more victories.

Standing out from Carolina’s championship performance last weekend is their 5-0 thrashing of Clemson. The win marked the first time the Gamecocks have ever beaten their in-state rival at Riggs Field, and it extended the University’s record to 3-0 against Clemson in all sports this year.

“It feels wonderful. We went in trying to make history and came out with a great result,” coach Shelley Smith said. “It’s very rewarding as a program and means a lot to the University to beat your rival.”

Thus far, Carolina has shown significant improvement from last season. With a perfect 6-0-0 record and a zero in the goals allowed column, the Gamecocks rose to No. 13 in this week’s National Soccer Coaches Association of America rankings, a significant jump from No. 18 in last week’s

poll.

“Our experience has been one of our biggest strengths this year,” Smith said. “We had 14 freshmen last fall and had to incorporate a lot of new players into the lineup. They did a great job of learning and improving and our returning players helped as well. Having a good returning group this year helps us learn from the past.”

Of the numerous returning players who have made a difference so far, senior Blakely Mattern is the most notable. Besides earning Tournament MVP honors this past weekend, Mattern was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for the second time this season and was also awarded a place on the Soccer America and Top Drawer Soccer National Teams of the Week.

“From the moment Blakely stepped on the field as a freshman she’s had an effect,” Smith said. “She’s stepped up and improved each year, and this has been her best year yet.”

Mattern anchors a defense that has yet to allow a goal this season and has held opponents to a mere 24 shots on goal. She has also contributed offensively, scoring four goals in six games.

“Blakely has a huge impact as a captain and a leader,” Smith said. “She’s very consistent defensively, and we know what we’ll get out of her each game. Scoring goals adds more as well.”

Friday’s match against Central Florida looks to be the Gamecocks’ toughest test



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Senior defender Blakely Mattern (7) has been a major part of USC’s 6-0 start to 2009.

thus far. The Golden Knights currently sit at 5-1-1 and are No. 19 in this week’s NSCAA rankings. It will also be the first time a ranked Carolina women’s team faces a ranked opponent at Stone Stadium.

“It’s going to be a battle. They’re ranked for a reason,” Smith said. “We’re going to focus on continuing to attack well, staying

organized defensively and trying to be solid for 90 minutes. This should be our biggest challenge yet.”

Kickoff against Central Florida is at 7 p.m. Friday.

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Goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer’s stellar play has keyed a staunch Gamecock defensive unit for Mark Berson’s squad so far this season.

USC aims for wins in away tournament

Men’s soccer team looks to build on Sunday’s victory in match with Northwestern

Scott Waggoner
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The men’s soccer team bounced back strongly last Sunday, rebounding from their first loss of the season two days prior to beat George Mason, 1-0. They will look to build off that win this Friday when they play Northwestern in the opening game of the Wildcat Tournament, held in Evanston, Ill.

“I was very pleased with the way the team responded and came back to win that game,” coach Mark Berson said. “It speaks volumes about the team. I liked our focus and our intensity.”

The Gamecocks, who are 4-1, will have their hands full this weekend though, as they play a Northwestern team that is No. 25 in the nation.

“It’s going to be a big test to go up against a team that made it to the elite eight in the NCAA tournament last year,” Berson said. “Northwestern is a great team, and they will be a challenge.”

Carolina isn’t worried about playing on the road this weekend, as Berson is confident that his team can play anywhere after it came out of Clemson earlier this year with a win.

“Our guys know they’re never going to go into a bigger, more hostile environment than they’ve faced already this year,” Berson said of Clemson.

The Gamecocks will continue to rely on

their upperclassman for leadership. Junior Mike Lindsey has come back strong from an injury last year and has really played well so far on offense. Senior Mario Burstein has also had strong performances this year while anchoring the defense.

“All of them have really had a positive impact on the team,” Berson said.

At this point in the season, Carolina is starting to find its identity and understand that it’s going to be their defense that will determine how the rest of the season plays out.

“It’s pretty clear we’re going to be a good defensive team,” Berson said. “We are led by Jimmy Maurer, who is an exceptional goalkeeper. We have a very good backline that has played exceptionally well this year. I don’t think there’s any question that our trademark will be quality defending.”

On the other hand, the Gamecocks are doing all they can to improve their offense.

“Our offense is something that we’re looking to improve every game,” Berson said.

If the team plays anything like it did against George Mason, USC should be successful this weekend.

“Everyone needs to step forward and give the same kind of performance as we did against George Mason,” Berson said. “If we do that, we’re going to have a good weekend.”

The Gamecocks will play Northwestern on Friday followed by Northern Illinois on Sunday. The match on Friday is set to start at 8:30 p.m.

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USC opens in SEC

Volleyball opens conference slate with western division weekend road swing

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USC Volleyball has been in tournament play since August, but its true focus starts this Friday. The Gamecocks will open up the SEC season this weekend on the road against Arkansas Friday night and Ole Miss on Sunday afternoon.

The tournaments USC has been in were primarily a way to locate weaknesses in its competitive play.

“With each tournament you go into it trying to identify things you can improve on,” coach Ben Somera said. “Hopefully you can schedule your tournaments well to improve your R.P.I. by getting some wins, playing competitors that push you and playing somebody who exposes some weaknesses”

One of the main players the Gamecocks will need to perform this weekend is senior libero Sarah Cline, who was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week Monday.

The league announced Cline as the

recipient of this week’s award after she made her third consecutive all-tournament team this fall. She had three matches where she recorded more than 20 digs, including 27 against Rice, who was a participant in the 2008 NCAA tournament. Her 27 digs are the most since Cline’s program-record 36 against Arkansas in 2007.

Going into the first conference game of the season on Friday, the team is more focused on its own play than on what its opponent is doing.

“I think my expectations for the game are about the things I can control and what my team can control,” Somera said. “If we focus on things like our attitude, effort and focus, not our competitor, then we can play well.”

Last year Carolina played Arkansas twice and came out with a victory in both meetings. The Gamecocks fell to Ole Miss in their only meeting of 2008.

Friday’s match with the Razorbacks will begin at 8 p.m. in Fayetteville. Sunday’s match in Oxford against the Rebels is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

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Football reveals 2010 schedule adjustments

Southern Miss. replaces North Carolina; bye week moved earlier in season

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When North Carolina backed out of its agreement to open the 2010 college football season against USC at Williams-Brice Stadium, athletic director Eric Hyman said that it would end up being a positive for Carolina football.

As Hyman announced yesterday, he feels like the “win-win” situation he aimed for has come to fruition.

The 2010 UNC-USC game has been moved to the 2013 season, allowing the Tar Heels to compete in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game against LSU. To replace UNC, Hyman announced Tuesday that Carolina will open the 2010 college football season at home in a Thursday night game against Southern Mississippi, a perennial Conference-USA contender. Next year will be the fifth time in six seasons under coach Steve Spurrier that the Gamecocks open up the national college season in the Thursday night slot.

In addition, the 2013 game with the

Tar Heels will also be a Thursday night contest and the first game in the nation.

The two Thursday night games will generate an additional \$400,000 dollars in television revenue from ESPN, according to the athletic department. In addition to releasing UNC from the contract, ESPN will pay \$50,000 dollars of the \$900,000 dollar guarantee Southern Miss will receive for playing the Gamecocks in a one-game deal with no return game in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Additionally, UNC agreed to a higher buyout fee in the revised agreement, assuaging fears that the school would do anything in its power to avoid playing a home game in Columbia.

USC was also able to restructure its 2010 schedule, specifically the bye week. The home game against Troy, originally scheduled for September 4, will be moved to November 20, giving the Gamecocks a buffer game in between Florida and Clemson to close the year. The Furman game has been moved as well, from October 2 to September 18, giving Carolina the mid-season bye week Spurrier has desired for several years.

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